

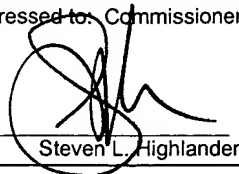


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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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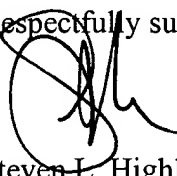
an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/10105269/SLH.

This application is a continuation application of Serial No. 09/303,161, filed April 29, 1999 and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of those documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. 09/303,161 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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